

## 2006 Parenting Awareness Month

### Local PAM Activities as of February 9, 2006

Thanks for sharing your local PAM activities information. We will update this list as we receive new information.

#### January

**26<sup>th</sup>. Oakland Co.** Breakfast workshop at Oakland Schools. Dr. Stephen Bavolek will present. He is creator of the Nurturing Parenting program. \$5/person. Info: Erin Cayce, 248-452-8673.

**31<sup>st</sup>. Midland Co.** Community Lunch Bunch Forum – Learn about communicating in an electronic age with Anne Cerva, guest columnist for the *Midland Daily News*. Strosacker Building, Midland. Info: Karen Adams, 989-835-9922.

#### February

**1<sup>st</sup>. Emmet/Charlevoix Co.** Insert for the *Petoskey News Review* published for Parenting Awareness Month. This is a parenting insert for the local paper. Free. Info: Joann Townsend, 231-347-0067 or Deb Cook, 231-439-9487.

**4<sup>th</sup>. St. Joseph Co.** Kiwanis Parenting Fair on Super Bowl Saturday. Parenting Fair includes a keynote speaker, parenting mini-sessions and exhibits. Sturgis Middle School, Sturgis. Free. Info: Jane Dickey, 269-659-3664.

**11<sup>th</sup>. Wayne Co.** Community Health Expo for the Mind, Body and Soul. Boyd Arthur Middle School, Trenton. Free. Info: Stephanie Spurr, Principal, 734-676-8700.

**13-14<sup>th</sup>. Delta Co.** Common Sense Parenting for Toddlers. Classes on Feb. 13-14, 20-21, 27-28. Free. Escanaba Head Start Center. Info: Rene' or Sue Arnold, 906/789-0097.

**15<sup>th</sup>. Oakland Co.** Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Parent Support Group. Speaker: Dr. Colleen Noble, M.D. North Oakland Medical Center, Seminole Bldg., Pontiac. RSVP by Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>. Free. Info: Libby Hrabonz, 248-424-7125.

**18<sup>th</sup>. Marquette Co** "March is Parenting Awareness Month" table display with PAM and parenting information at "Kaleidoscope," an educational

community fun fair for families with children pre-K-8<sup>th</sup> grade. Educational games, hands-on activities, and information about community organizations. Superior Dome, Marquette. Free. Info: Deb Rolig, 906/228-6522.

**23<sup>rd</sup>. Midland Co.** Annual Meeting and Seminar. Pat Crum of DeVos Children's Hospital will present "Adolescents: What are They Thinking?" and discuss implications of teen brain research and development for application by family service professionals and policy makers. Midland Medical Center-Towsley Auditorium, Midland. Info: Karen Adams, 989-835-9922.

**23<sup>rd</sup>. Ingham Co.** Family Career Fair. Kickoff Family Career Fair - week of activities, Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>. Booths from different organizations, businesses, and Hill's programs for parents to visit; sign up for job shadowing opportunities; fun activities for children. Harry Hill Center for Advanced Technology gymnasium, Lansing. Free. Info: Dr. Carolyn Stone, 517-325-6280.

**24<sup>th</sup>. Wayne Co.** "Back to Basics". Local Kickoff: education, information, resources, refreshments and pampering. COBO Conference Center, Detroit. Free. Info: Yolanda R. Hill-Ashford or Cindy Gamboa, 313-876-4444.

#### March

**1<sup>st</sup>. Kent Co.** Parent Reception. Parenting information table, light refreshments, and a parenting professional available to answer questions. Spectrum-Butterworth Campus, Grand Rapids. Free. Info: Sara Stachon, 616-454-4673, ext. 133.

**4<sup>th</sup>. Kalamazoo Co.** ALL KIDS CAN! Recreation Expo & Fitness Fair. Fair for children of all abilities at KVCC cafeteria featuring entertainment for the entire family and business/service provider's booths with interactive activities. Kalamazoo Valley Community College. Free. Info: Michelle Miller, 269-345-8950

**4<sup>th</sup> Berrien Co.** Community Awareness Show. A show to give organizations the opportunity to inform and educate the public on their services. Orchards Mall, Benton Harbor. Free. Info: Deborah Jones, 269-556-9640.

**4<sup>th</sup>. Macomb Co.** "Home Improvement." 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Parenting Conference. Sterling Inn Banquet & Conference Center, Sterling Heights. Registration fee. For info: 586-541-0033 or visit CARE's website at [www.careofmacomb.com](http://www.careofmacomb.com).

**4<sup>th</sup>. Luce Co.** March is Parenting Awareness Month Banner across Main Street beginning March 6<sup>th</sup>. Distribution of PAM and parenting materials at parent-teacher conferences, Culture Fest, and Winter Break for Knowledge. Parenting PSAs featured on local radio. School Read-A-Thon and parenting issues discussion. Info: Mary Archambeau,

**7<sup>th</sup>. Sanilac Co.** "The Mystery of the Lost Library Card," Sanilac County's Parenting Awareness Month Event. Sanilac Career Center, Peck. Free for Sanilac Co. Families. Info: Becky Josephson-Gorinac, 810-648-4700, Ext. 206.

**7<sup>th</sup>. Kent Co.** Ask the Pediatrician. Dr. Tom Peterson, from DeVos Children's Hospital, answering questions about children's health. Southwest Comm. Campus, Parent Room, 801. Free. Info/ Registration: Sara Stachon, 616-454-4673.

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**9<sup>th</sup>. Oakland Co.** Kick-off of March as Parenting Awareness Month. Declaration to be made by County Board of Commissioners. County Commissioner's Auditorium, Pontiac Info: Erin Cayce, 248-452-8673.

**11<sup>th</sup>. Ogemaw Co.** Celebrating Families Conference: Many different workshop topics. St. Joseph School, West Branch. Free. Register by March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Info: Brandi DesMarteaux, 989-345-0692.

**15<sup>th</sup>. Kent Co.** 2006 Resource Bonanza. Information fair for service providers in Kent Co.

Paul I. Phillips Recreation Center, Grand Rapids. Free to attendees; minimal fee to host a booth. Info: Elisabeth Mills, 616-454-4673 or [emills@childresource.cc](mailto:emills@childresource.cc)

**16<sup>th</sup>. Tuscola Co.** Family Night with Gordon the Magician, "The Mystery of the Lost Library Card." This is a parent/child activity bought to you by the Tuscola County Parent Awareness Coalition. Tuscola Technology Center, Caro. Free dinner, books and door prizes. To register: Cheryl Cowser, 989-672-4089 or [cherylcowser@yahoo.com](mailto:cherylcowser@yahoo.com) Info: Janeen Mills, 898-673-5200, ext. 373.

**16<sup>th</sup>. Clinton-Eaton-Ingham Co.** A Special Night with Dr. Robert Ackerman, "Living & Working Positively with Adolescents: Understanding Developmental and Emotional Issues." Clinton County RESA, St. Johns. Free. Info/Registration: 989-224-5303.

**18<sup>th</sup>. Mecosta-Osceola Co.** Community Family Fun Day—Celebrating and Supporting Parenting. Agency fair with parent-child fun activities sponsored by community agencies, car seat safety check, legislators. Food and fun. Free. Info: Karen Schneider, 866-592-9605.

**18<sup>th</sup>. Ingham Co.** Family Fun Fair. Over 50 booths with fun interactive activities for families. Also cartoon characters such as Clifford (the Red Dog); Mouse (*If You Give A Mouse A Cookie*); and Strawberry Shortcake will be there. Harry Hill Center, Lansing. Free. Info: Dr. Carolyn Stone, 517-325-6280.

**18<sup>th</sup>. Mason Co.** Mason Co. 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Affair. 20 to 40 interactive booths/classrooms, plus a special puppet show, petting zoo, face painting, etc. Booths sponsored by agencies, businesses, groups and schools. Each has an interactive family activity and information on services, etc. MCC Middle School, Scottville. Free. Lunch available at low cost. Info: Kathy Fahlsing, 231-757-3716.

**21-22<sup>nd</sup>. Delta Co.** Common Sense Parenting for Toddlers. Classes on March 21-22, 28-29, and April 4-5. Cost: \$10. MSU Extension Office, Escanaba. Info: Julie Moberg, 906/786-3032.

**23<sup>rd</sup>. Iron Co.** 8th Annual Parent Fair. Parent fair and children's activities. West Iron County District Library, Iron River. Free. Info: Joyce Ziegler, 906-265-9913 or Kristina Carlson, 906-875-0604.

**23<sup>rd</sup>. Oakland Co.** “Four Steps to a Happier Home: Parenting with Love and Logic” by Dr. Charles Fay. Workshop for parents. Oakland Schools, Waterford. Free. Info: Oakland County Youth Assistance, 248-858-0051.

**23<sup>rd</sup>. Iosco Co.** Family Music Fest. Features Guy Louis, performer, songwriter, and recording artist. He will lead families in a variety of songs, dance and musical activities. Clara Bolen Elementary School, Tawas City. Free. Info: Sue Buresh, 989-362-8636.

**24<sup>th</sup>. Oakland Co.** “Love & Logic: Dealing with the Difficult/Angry Student” by Dr. Charles Fay. Workshop for professionals. Oakland Schools, Waterford. Free. Info: Oakland County Youth Assistance, 248-858-0051.

**27<sup>th</sup>. Kent.** “Effective Black Parenting-How to Positively Discipline.” Speaker, Yvette McCutcheon. Open to African American parents or those who parent biracial children. Spectrum Health-Healthier Communities, Grand Rapids. Free. Info/Registration: Sara Stachon, 616-454-4673, ext. 133.

**29<sup>th</sup>. Allegan Co.** Parenting Awareness Month Parent Fair. Agencies and child-friendly businesses get together and have information and fun activities for children. Snacks, door prizes, entertainment and make-it/take-it activities. Pine Trails Elementary, Allegan. Free. Info: Veronica Pechumer, 269-673-7002, Ext. 3019.

## April

**4<sup>th</sup>. Oakland Co.** “Parenting With Dignity” presentation. BBFA annual event with keynote speaker Mac Bledsoe, president and founder of Drew Bledsoe Foundation. Detroit Country Day School Seligman Performing Arts Center, Beverly Hills. \$15.00/person. Info: Laura Cougar, 248-341-6340.

**6<sup>th</sup>. Alpena Co.** “Power of Parenting IV.” Family night of fun and educational activities. A hot meal, activities for children, and a keynote on “Bullying” and breakout sessions on related topics for parents. Gifts for children will be distributed. Thunder Bay Junior High School, Alpena. \$5.00 per family. Info: Jim Bland or Ruth Beriault, 1-989-356-2880 or 1-800-354-2880.

**20<sup>th</sup>. Alger Co.** 2nd Annual Grandparents Appreciation Dinner. Alger Centennial Arena,

Munising. Free. Info: Rachel Lindquist, 906-228-6522, ext. 264.

**28<sup>th</sup>. Jackson Co.** Family Expo. Family activities at the mall and community resource information available. Free. Info: Willy Baldwin, 517/788-6010.

**29<sup>th</sup>. Iosco Co.** Family Fun Fair. Seventh annual Family Fun Fair will include: magic show, face painting, door prizes, free lunch, family craft projects, education activities, parenting and community resource information. Oscoda High School, Oscoda. Free. Info: Sue Buresh, 989-362-8636.

**29<sup>th</sup>. Monroe Co.** Celebrate Children 2006. An opportunity for children and families to enjoy all kinds of family activities and games together while we all celebrate and value our young children as a community. Frenchtown Square, Monroe. Free. Info: Douglas Redding, 734-242-5799, ext. 1912.

## May

**11-12<sup>th</sup>. Monroe Co.** Monroe County be Their Hero From Age Zero Family Summit. Training workshop for parents and professionals featuring nationally known Jim Gill. Features a concert for parents and children, as well as training sessions for professionals. Monroe ISD, Monroe. Free. Info: Douglas Redding, 734-242-5799, ext. 1912.

## **Other Local Parenting Awareness Month Activities and Events**

**Alpena, Alcona, Presque Isle, Montmorency Co.** Calendar of family activities on display at county libraries during March. Parent and family materials and substance abuse prevention materials will be available. Local radio station refers to the calendar each day in March. Local newspapers run a story and publish the calendar. Info: Jim Bland or Ruth Beriault. 1-989-356-2880 or 1-800-354-2880.

**Clinton, Eaton, Ingham Co.** A variety of programs and classes for parents. Love and Logic; Nurturing Parenting; Stress Management; Families That Care; Circle of Parents; Nurturing Fathers; and more. February through June. Info: Jodi Anthony, 517/543-5500 ext 1165.

**Macomb Co.** All of March. Kiosk at local mall with information about county resources on infants, teens, health, and other resources (provided by HSCB Parent Education Committee). Parenting Displays at participating service agencies and libraries. Libraries display PAM poster and share bookmarks and PAM Packet materials. Info: Su Porter, 586-469-7609.

***For local activities updates and information about Parenting Awareness Michigan and Parenting Awareness Month, Please call 1-800-968-4968.***

***List will be updated on web site twice a week until the end of March.***

***Visit [www.preventionnetwork.org](http://www.preventionnetwork.org).***

**Oakland Co.** Public parenting awareness campaign entire month of March. PAM bookmarks, posters, and parenting class calendars to be displayed and distributed at all Border's Books stores in Oakland Co. Info: Erin Cayce, 248-452-8673.

**Oakland Co.** "My parent knows best because..." essay contest for all 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students in the county. January 9<sup>th</sup> through March. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Essay winners will be awarded the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in March. Free. Info: Erin Cayce, 248-452-8673.

**Oakland Co.** Family Friendly Employer of the Year Contest. February 6<sup>th</sup> through April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Will be awarding one Family Friendly Business for its outstanding pro-family policies and practices. Free. Info: Erin Cayce, 248-452-8673.

**Delta Co.** Parenting Awareness Month activities: Display of PAM poster and bookmarks. Distribution of Child Identification Kit brochure. Distribution of PAM calendar. Newspaper articles on positive parenting. Parenting Resources Display at Escanaba Library. MSU Extension. Free. Info: Julie Moberg, 906-786-3032 or [moberg@msu.edu](mailto:moberg@msu.edu).

**Ionia Co.** Parent Child Relationship Pledge, March and May. Resource Information provided to parents. A wristband will given out to children and parents to aid as a reminder to share something positive when they see each other. Outreach to parents at Middle School Orientations (in May) and through human service agency staff (for both themselves and their customers) in March. Free. Info: Krista Hausermann, 616-522-1408.